



# St. Paul VI Parish Wimmera-Mallee

Beulah - Dimboola - Hopetoun - Horsham - Kaniva - Minyip - Murtoa - Natimuk - Nhill - Rainbow - Rupanyup - Warracknabeal

## BULLETIN



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Please submit notices for our weekly Bulletin to the Parish Office by C.O.B Thursday. Thank you

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**Mass Livestreaming**  
Mass will be livestreamed from the Horsham Church at **6.30pm each Saturday evening**, and will be available to watch 'live', or for replay viewing at a time convenient. (Recordings are deleted weekly, and will be available until Friday each week)  
**YouTube Channel Link:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/@smjchurchhorsham/streams>

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B 25th February 2024

 *We welcome to the family of God in Baptism this weekend*

**Sam Anthony Walsh**  
*Son of Connor & Mary Walsh*



*May he continue to grow in faith with loving support of his family, friends, Godparents, sponsors and our Parish community.*

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS – NAMES EACH WEEK

Please contact the Parish Office to place a name of any deceased, for ANNIVERSARY prayers each week in our Bulletin. This ensures that remembrance prayers remain current, rather than being automatically taken from outdated or historical lists from years past. Across St Paul VI Parish, requests can be made for any deceased to be remembered in prayer, **around the anniversary of their death**, per Catholic custom. Upon receiving such requests at the Office, names will then be placed on our Parish Bulletin for prayers.

**Please note:** Cut off time each week for Bulletin names is C.O.B. Thursdays.

*'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.'*

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA**

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
24 & 25 February

 **PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 27th February	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b> (followed by Stations of the Cross)
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Wednesday 28th February	<b>9am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Hopetoun</b> (followed by Stations of the Cross)
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Thursday 29th February	<b>9am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Rupanyup Mass</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Friday 1st March	<b>9am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b>
Saturday 2nd March	<b>9am</b>	<b>Warracknabeal</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Horsham</b> (Reconciliation Follows)

<b>HORSHAM MINISTRY ROSTER</b>		
<b>24th &amp; 25th February</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Micky Robarts	Andrea Cox
<b>Commentator</b>	Sr Jacinta	Dianne Noy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	John Parker Bob Hayes Lesley Price	Simon Lynch Anna Robertson Karen Hill
<b>2nd &amp; 3rd March</b>	<b>Vigil 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	Sr Jacinta	Anna Robertson
<b>Commentator</b>	Garry Heinrich	Louise Kemp
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Glaubitz Lesley Price Anthony Amor	Lynda Hutchinson Bob Pritchett Zita Cannane
<b>Projector</b>	Geoff Simpson	Gabby Mills
<b>Musicians</b>	Chris Robarts	Choir
<b>Livestream</b>	Rob Sartori	N/A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Judy Bryan Pat Williams	Denise Vallance Helene Bush
<b>Tea/Coffee After Mass</b>	N/A	Dianne Noy Carmel, Veronica Louise Kemp
<b>Prayers</b>	John & Joan Parker	
<b>Church Cleaning &amp; Flower Arranging</b>	<b>3rd March</b> Zita Cannane Lorraine Clancy	<b>10th March</b> Lucille Pekin Pauline Breen Judie Delahunty

<b>WARRACKNABEAL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>25th February Mass 8.30am</b>	<b>3rd March Mass 8.30am</b>
<b>Reader</b>	A Van den Ak	P Winsall
<b>Prayers</b>	M Farrall	L Casey
<b>Collectors</b>	L Casey	B Bentley & L Downes
<b>Cleaning</b>	L Gibson & A McFarlane (Feb)	

<b>NHILL LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>25th February Mass 11am</b>	<b>3rd March Mass 11am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	C Kennedy	A Munro
<b>Reader</b>	I Dart	D Munro
<b>Collector</b>	R Picone	J Kennedy
<b>Music</b>	Paulino Ramas	Paulino Ramas
<b>Cleaning</b>	A Munro	C Pilgrim

<b>HOPETOUN LITURGY ROSTER</b>		
	<b>25th February LLA 9am</b>	<b>2nd March Vigil Mass 6.30pm</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Luca & Dakota	Coral Cox
<b>Offertory</b>	Marilyn & Claire	Allen & Jan
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Joan Bellinger	

**Natimuk Mass:** TBA

**Rupanyup Mass:** Thursday 29th February 6.30pm at Sue's

**Child Safety Standards:** St Paul VI Parish  
**Bob Pritchett** is our Safeguarding Officer.

A **Child Safety Policy** and **Code of Conduct** has been adopted for all who work with children and vulnerable adults in the Parish, to ensure the safety of all.  
*Our Parish seeks to always be a child safe Parish.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK, ELDERLY OR HOUSE BOUND:**

Parishioners interested in receiving *preparation/guidance to be able to bring Holy Communion from our churches to Parishioners* can notify Mons Glynn or Fr Matt.

### **Our Parish Finance:**

For all wishing to support either our Parish or Clergy through online banking transfer:

St Paul VI Parish Account (NAB)

BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830337

*(Please state envelope number if you have one, and name)*

St Paul VI Presbytery (Clergy Support) Account (NAB)

BSB: 083-680 Acc. No: 515830345

~ The option of regular automatic Direct Debit contributions can be arranged by contacting our office ~

The Parish also has an NGR number for grain growers who wish to donate through harvest.

**All amounts are an active support to our faith community and are greatly appreciated.**

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND**

4th Sunday of the month: 24th & 25th February

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**

Dimboola: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Beulah: **Saturday Vigil 7pm**

Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Murtoa: Sunday LLA 9am

Hopetoun: Sunday LLA 9am

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND**

1st Sunday of the month: 2nd & 3rd March 2024

Horsham: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am**

Murtoa: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Warracknabeal: **Sunday Mass 8.30am**

Nhill: **Sunday Mass 11am**

Hopetoun: **Saturday Vigil 6.30pm**

Rainbow: Sunday LLA 10am

Dimboola: Sunday LLA 8.30am

Minyip: Sunday LLA 10am

Beulah: Sunday LLA 9.30am

## PARISH EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

#### RECENT DEATHS:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Christine Ryan, Gerard Ryan

**SICK:** Pat Hateley, Ted Haynes, Sam McCulloch, Max Young, Joan McNamara, Alex Kavoor, Elliot Pumpa, Kevin Clancy, Jodie White, Bernie Ryan, Brendan McKinnon, Cynthia Maiden, Peter James, Noel Kearns, Brenda Ramsdale, Patricia Simpson, Frank White, David Gillard, Maggie Landrigan, Eddie Taig, Jason O'Connell, Connie Butera, Tim Clancy

### Mass of the Oils 2024

We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone planning to attend this year's Mass of the Oils on Monday 25th March at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 11.30am, who would like to represent St Paul VI Parish for the Collection of Oils.

(We will be receiving 4 sets of Oils.)

*These are collected by Parishioners, not Clergy.*

**Please contact our Parish office by Tuesday 5th March 2024.**

### JISA Retreats, Reflection Days & Contemplative Walks 2024 - For more information

Email [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au) Or

[Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia \(jisa.org.au\)](http://Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia (jisa.org.au))

### St Vincent de Paul

A representative of St Vincent de Paul is available to assess and assist cases on **Mon, Wed and Fri** mornings between 11am-12noon.

**\*Appointments essential-** Phone 5381 2371 to book.

Warracknabeal Conference of St Vincent de Paul will meet at St Mary's Church Warracknabeal on **Wednesday 28th February at 2pm.**

## World Day of Prayer 2024 Friday 1st March

Participating denominations will be involved in readings. The focus country is Palestine. It is intended to bring the theme of peace into the service as much as possible. *All welcome.*

Town	Locations	Time
Horsham	The Salvation Army Horsham Corps	10am
Murtoa	Uniting Church	10am
Dimboola	Lutheran Church	10am
Hopetoun	Southern Mallee Co-Operative Parish	10:30am
Warracknabeal	Anglican Parish	2pm
Nhill	St Patrick's Catholic Church	7pm

## Next Parish Luncheon (First Quarter of 2024) Hosted by our St Mary's Murtoa community

*St. Patrick's Day theme*

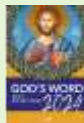
**Murtoa, Thursday, March 14 at the Railway Hotel  
12 O'clock gathering for a 12.30 start - All welcome**

Cost - \$25 for two courses (*Roast Meat and Vegetables followed by Fruit Salad and Ice Cream*)

**Booking necessary. Numbers to the Parish Office no later than  
Tuesday, March 12. Ph: 5382 1155**

### Publications Available for Purchase

We have a small number of God's Word Daily Reflections 2024 still available for \$20 each from the Parish Office.



We have received an additional order of the Daily Reflection of Lent booklet "A Resurrected Life", available for \$8ea at the Parish Office.



*Copies of the **Brigidine Centenary** book are available for \$35 in the Piety Stall at the Horsham Church, St Brigid's College and the Parish Office.*

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN SMJ CHURCH HORSHAM:

#### **Choir Practice:**

*2nd Wednesday of the month, 4pm at the Church  
- Any newcomers always welcome*

**Meditation Group:** *The Meditation Group meet weekly on Tuesdays, at 2.00pm in the Church meeting room.*

**Men's Fellowship:** *Breakfast - Third Thursday of the month 7.30am - 8.30am (Horsham Parish Hall)*

**Morning Craft Group:** *The Craft Group gather weekly in the Parish Office meeting room on Wednesdays, 9.30-11.30am*



## Sunday Mass

### 25th February 2024

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### *First Reading*

A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

##### *Responsorial Psalm* Ps 115:10, 15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

##### *Second Reading*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34  
With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

##### *Gospel Acclamation* Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

##### *Gospel*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10  
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

#### LOYOLA PRESS REFLECTION

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event. The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship. In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem. Elijah and Moses are

significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is

made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

#### Next Weekend's Readings: **Third Sunday of Lent Year B**

**1st Reading:** Exodus 20:1-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8-11 **Response:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

**Gospel:** John 2:13-25